

**NORTHBROOK, IL** – During a breakfast reception held at his office today, U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk announced the nine 10th Congressional District students who will attend United States military academies in the fall. Students must be nominated by the vice president, a U.S. senator or member of the House of Representatives to be considered for a military appointment.

“Appointment to a United States military academy is a great honor,” Congressman Kirk said. “These young men and women have demonstrated scholastic achievement, commitment to leadership and a strong desire to serve their nation. The communities of the 10th Congressional District are fortunate to have these future leaders. Our armed services will be stronger because of their service.”

The following students received military academy appointments:

#### **United States Naval Academy**

- Jacob Roche - Wilmette

#### **United States Military Academy**

- Matthew Raygoza – Arlington Heights
- Josephine Kim – Glenview
- Thomas Allman – Highland Park
- Abraham Bailin – Deerfield

#### **United States Air Force Academy**

- Karl Mohrmann – Lake Bluff
- Michelle Abruzzo – Inverness
- Kyle Tomaszewski – Hoffman Estates

- Jonathan Kim – Northbrook

Congressman Kirk's Military Academy Selection Steering Committee interviews all academy candidates and determines 10th Congressional District nominees. Captain James Lovell, Apollo 13 commander and Naval Academy graduate, serves as chair of the steering committee.

Congressman Kirk's office is currently accepting academy requests for the 2008 academic year. To learn more about the nomination process, please call the district office at 847-940-0202.